PEACE ON EARTH

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Dear Mom,

Hope you're having a good time getting ready for Christmas. I sure am. I purchased a new stereo system to replace that pile of junk that I've been suffering with for years. I got rid of an old TV table that I hadn't liked since I bought it and replaced that one with a smaller table that matches the other furniture in the living room. I also got a new book case for the living room. It holds stacks of audio cassette cabinetes, books, figurines and statuettes, and some decorative cut glass bowls and vases. I am in the process of rearranging all of my framed posters, photos, and art work. Stanley steemer comes in today to shampoo my carpets throughout. And I just got a bright red and green plaid table cloth to add some holiday spirit. I'm very excited about getting a whole new look in living and dining rooms. Most of these changes have been in my plans for the last couple years. But it takes so much time, effort, and money that I've been procrastinating.

Two men that I was arrested with at the Supreme Court in 1987, Larry and Blair, are coming down from San Francisco this weekend just to visit me. Can't wait! They are such a gentle, affectionate couple, you just can't help loving them. We'll be going to the San Diego Christmas Parade and then to a nearby tree-trimming party. Otherwise, we plan to just visit, relax, and share some more of our lives with each other.

The enclosed photo restoration is one that I had made this past summer. I've had it here on my desk since then, hoping to find the time to send it off to you. I have a brown-tone version of the same one. It is framed and hangs on my dining room wall where a lot of people see it. Everyone comments on it--"...ooh Jess, is that your mom? Boy she sure is pretty" Also enclosed, please find the negatives that were used in the copying process. You, or someone else may want to have some more prints made and these will make it a lot easier and less expensive. I know that I have some other photos around here that I borrowed from you several years ago. I want to return them to you but can't find them at the present.

I've been soliciting donations of books and baked goods for the Archives Committee's second annual book and bake sale. I wish you were near enough to whip up some goodies for us. Last year we made over $600. This year we're hoping for $1000. The sale is this weekend, Saturday the 16th, so when Larry and Blair get here, I'll put them to work. I'm too-easily fatigued to take much of a role in the actual sale so I've put my energies into telephoning around town

to get the donations.

The Archives Planning Committee was two years old this week. So at our December 11th meeting, we had a combined birthday and Christmas gathering. We had it at the home of Chris & Ben in Lemon Grove. They are members of the Archives Planning Committee and have been together as life partners for nearly 30 years. They have a fabulous home and often host fund-raising events—auctions, receptions, buffets. So we had a fine meeting in a nice setting and got a lot we got a lot of work done as well.

At that meeting, I formally resigned from my position as Coordinator due to declining health. Of course I plan to be as active with the group as my strength will allow. But it is time that someone else took the reigns. Sooner or later I will make my transition and they need to have some one in place while I am still available as a consultant. They presented me with an "I Have A Dream" tee shirt. In the center there is a globe being caressed by two hands. All around that are people of color holding hands and forming a circle around the earth. There are even some lavender people in the group. So it was an emotional evening.

Healthwise, I am doing about as well as can be expected. I am still very seriously physically challenged as my body continues to leave me. However, I have been blessed with some very meaningful psychic and spiritual experiences durthe past few weeks that have brought me a new sense of peace and acceptance that I have not known before. Because of that I am more able to tolerate my physical discomfort. I am closer to that state of readiness that I have been seeking for a long time...and it feels wonderful!

The weather here has been pretty cold at night and dry as the dickens (humidity very low) during the day. My lips crack and bleed and my nose gets raw inside. It also take s a lot more effort to breathe. So those of us with repiratory problems can't wait for the return of the late-night and early-morning clouds to return. You would probably like some of our dry air if the TV weather reports that I've been seeing are true. Hope you have clear and pleasant weather for the holiday.

Well, enough of that. It's 2 AM and I'm very tired, so to bed I go.

I love you.

Bob